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: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY APPARATUS WITH VARIABLE CONTACT

CONNECTIONS, AND A CORRESPONDING SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS

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Reference "AC" in the enclosed PTO Form 1449 is the U.S. equivalent of the German patent listed as Reference "AD".

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